

Landscaping

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- Bushes, trees, and shrubbery can conceal an intruder as he/she attempts entry into a window or door
- Trim shrubbery and trees so doors and windows are visible to neighbors and from the street
- For second floors, prune trees so they can't help a thief climb in the windows
- Place trellises where you can't use ladders to gain entry



Ground Plants

- Ground plants (shrubbery and bushes) with 4 feet of any sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates should be maintained at a height of not more than 2 feet.
- Ground plants between 4ft. And 8ft. Of any sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates, should be maintained at a height of not more than 4ft.



Ground Plants

- Ground Plants under windows should be maintained at a height that is below the window sill.
- Trees should be trimmed so that the lower branches are more than 6ft. off the ground



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- Place large gauge gravel on the ground near windows- psychological barrier
- Do not place large rocks or other items near glass windows or doors.
- Plant spiny (thorny) plants along fences and under windows.

